

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 stand subject to an Election Requirement according to which the Examiner has identified four patentably distinct species of the claimed invention, namely, Species A illustrated in Figures 1-5, Species B illustrated in Figures 6 and 7, Species C directed to the method of making the embodiment illustrated in Figures 1-5, and Species D directed to the method of making the embodiment illustrated in Figures 6 and 7.

In response to the Election Requirement, applicant hereby elects Species A and claims 1-15, all of which read on Species A, for continued prosecution in the application.

Should the Examiner believe that direct contact with applicant's attorney would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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